

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

WILLIAM E. BURGES and ROSE M.)	
BURGES, Individually and on Behalf of All)	
Others Similarly Situated,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	Civil Action No. 3:14-cv-01564
)	
vs.)	The Honorable Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr.
)	The Honorable Jeffery S. Frensley
BANCORPSOUTH, INC., et al.,)	
)	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
Defendants.)	
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ORDER AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES

This matter having come before the Court on September 21, 2018, on Class Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in this action, the Court, having considered all papers filed and proceedings conducted herein, having found the settlement of this action to be fair, reasonable and adequate, and otherwise being fully informed in the premises and good cause appearing therefore;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:


1. All of the capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated March 30, 2018 (the "Stipulation"). (Doc. No. 245.)
2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this application and all matters relating thereto, including all Members of the Class who have not timely and validly requested exclusion.
3. The Court hereby awards Class Counsel attorneys' fees of one-third of the Settlement Amount, and litigation expenses in the total amount of \$528,469.01, together with the interest earned thereon for the same time period and at the same rate as that earned on the Settlement Fund until paid. Said fees and expenses shall be allocated amongst counsel in a manner

which, in Class Counsel's good faith judgment, reflects each such counsel's contribution to the institution, prosecution and resolution of the Litigation. The Court finds that the amount of fees awarded is fair and reasonable under the "percentage-of-recovery" method considering, among other things, the following: the highly favorable result achieved for the Class; the contingent nature of Class Counsel's representation; Class Counsel's diligent prosecution of the Litigation; the quality of legal services provided by Class Counsel that produced the Settlement; that the Class Representative appointed by the Court to represent the Class approved the requested fee; the reaction of the Class to the fee request; and that the awarded fee is in accord with legal authority and consistent with other fee awards in cases of this size.

4. The awarded attorneys' fees and expenses shall be paid to Class Counsel immediately after the date this Order is executed subject to the terms, conditions and obligations of the Stipulation and in particular ¶6.2 thereof, which terms, conditions and obligations are incorporated herein.

5. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4), Class Representative City of Palm Beach Gardens Firefighters' Pension Fund is awarded \$1,235 as payment for its time and expenses representing the Class.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



WAVERLY D. CRENSHAW, JR.
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE